

kindness and work ethic that he is truly dedicated to bettering the lives of the next generation of Montanans.

Thank you for your service, Kirk; our Montana schools are better because of you.●

TRIBUTE TO KATE LUNDBERG

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today, I recognize Kate Lundberg, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kate is a recent graduate of George Washington University in Washington, DC, having earned degrees in international affairs and political science. This summer, Kate plans to continue serving the American people by working on Capitol Hill. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kate for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BEN SCHELHAAS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today, I recognize Ben Schelhaas, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Ben is a recent graduate of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, having earned degrees in history and political science. This fall, Ben plans to pursue a master's degree in history at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ben for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Juliana Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Ana Isabel de Alba, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Natasha C. Merle, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 4314. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the eligible age for the exemption from the retirement plan early withdrawal penalty for public safety officers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4315. A bill to address the foreign production of precursor chemicals that are used for the illicit production of narcotics and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 4316. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to update and clarify its rule on substances generally recognized as safe and to establish within the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition the Office of Food Chemical Safety Reassessment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 4317. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to codify certain clean energy targets of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 4318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow any deduction for punitive damages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 4319. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to regularly promote programs under chapter 31 of such title; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 4320. A bill to enhance security at United States diplomatic facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4321. A bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4322. A bill to require disclosure of foreign government subsidies in the premerger notification process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 4323. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to establish an urban Indian organization confer policy for the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 4324. A bill to clarify that convictions for kidnapping or sexual abuse are grounds for inadmissibility and deportability under the Immigration and Nationality Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4325. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 4326. A bill to authorize the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to pay stipends to members of Transnational Criminal Investigative Units who have been properly vetted; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 4327. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide hazard mitigation assistance for mitigating and preventing post-wildfire flooding and debris flow, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 4328. A bill to modify the fire management assistance cost share, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 4329. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to provide grants and loans to support and expand the domestic solar component manufacturing supply chain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 4330. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program to encourage specialty medicine physicians to serve in rural communities experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 4331. A bill to require a plan on emergency military assistance to Taiwan and other support to Taiwan's defensive capabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4332. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to support research and programmatic efforts that will build on previous